REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 8, 9, 18, and 24-27, and 29-30 are active in this application.

Claims 23 and 28 have been cancelled. Claims 24-25 and 29-30 have been amended to incorporate the previous limitations of Claim 23 and 28 with Claims 24 and 29 further amended to define the diseases being treated as osteoporosis or ichorrhemia.

No new matter is believed to have been added by these amendments.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 1, 8, 9, 18, 26 and 27 are allowed and that Claims 25 and 30 would be allowable if they are amended to depend from the allowable claims. In the amendments submitted, Claims 25 and 30 have been amended in this manner.

With respect to the rejections applied to Claims 23-24 and 28-29 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, Claims 23 and 28 have been cancelled while Claims 24 and 29 have been amended to define the diseases being treated as osteoporosis or ichorrhemia. Applicants thank the Examiner for agreeing that the treatment of these diseases is enabled by the application (see page 2 of the Official Action). As the basis for the rejections, other immune, inflammatory, or ischemic diseases, is no longer applicable to the claims as amended, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

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A Notice of Allowance for all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, he is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

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